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In re Application of:	) Allowance Date: December 31, 2004
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Application No.: 10/035,589	) Confirmation No.: 2895
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Filed: December 28, 2001	) Examiner: Chuong D. Ngo

For: FLOATING POINT UNIT FOR DETECTING AND REPRESENTING INEXACT  
COMPUTATIONS WITHOUT FLAGS OR TRAPS

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION TO DEFER ISSUANCE OF PATENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to grant a deferral of one (1) month (or until such time as the Examiner can act on the issues detailed below) in the assignment of a patent number and issue date for the referenced allowed United States patent application. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. The issue fee for this application is being filed concurrently herewith.

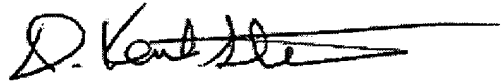
This request for a deferred issuance of a prospective United States patent is made for the purpose of providing time for the Office to consider the Letter Requesting Acknowledgment of Information Disclosure Statements Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, filed concurrently herewith.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month delay (or until such time as the Examiner can act on the issues discussed above) in the assignment of a patent number and an issue date to this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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